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What is Planets

Explore the fascinating world of planets in our solar system!

DEFINITION

> Planets are large celestial bodies that orbit a star, like the Sun. They can be rocky or gas-filled and vary in size and distance from the star.

KEY CONCEPTS

Types of Planets

There are two main types of planets: terrestrial (rocky) and gas giants.

Orbit

Planets travel in elliptical paths around stars, taking varying amounts of time to complete one orbit.

Moons

Many planets have natural satellites called moons that orbit them.

Planetary Rings

Some planets, like Saturn, have beautiful rings made of ice and rock particles.

Dwarf Planets

Dwarf planets, like Pluto, are similar to planets but do not clear their orbits.

EXAMPLES

→ Earth is a terrestrial planet with one moon.

→ Jupiter is a gas giant with many moons and a strong magnetic field.

→ Saturn is known for its stunning rings.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember the phrase 'My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles' for planet order.

★ Think of the planets as a family: rocky ones are the parents, gas giants are the kids.

★ Visualize the solar system as a race track with planets at different distances.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing the order of planets from the Sun.

✗ Thinking all planets have moons (not all do).

✗ Forgetting that dwarf planets are not classified as full planets.

QUICK RECAP

Planets are large bodies orbiting stars, categorized as terrestrial or gas giants. Remember their order and characteristics, including moons and rings, for your exam!